

Social Welfare. In that capacity, Mr. Umeda provided invaluable support and guidance to State hospital convalescent patients and their families.

From 1969 until 1973, Mr. Umeda administered all phases of local mental health services for his assigned region as a Community program analyst with the California State Department of Mental Hygiene. In this role, he designed programs and budgets for a variety of local mental health services.

As the executive secretary of the Conference of Local Health Officers, the Conference of Local Mental Health Directors, and the Citizens Advisory Council from 1973 until 1976, Mr. Umeda worked on the coordination of staff services for these organizations. He also assisted in the formulation of important regulatory changes in the California Administrative Code.

Mr. Umeda's State service continued when he was appointed chief of the Office of Advisory Liaison within the California State Department of Health in 1976. For the next 2 years, he played a key role in coordinating health advice emanating from a wide variety of advisory boards and conferences to the Department of Health. Mr. Umeda fulfilled similar duties within the Department of Mental Health until 1979.

BUDDY ROTHSTEIN TRIBUTE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader and close personal friend from my district in Pennsylvania, Alvin "Buddy" Rothstein. This week, Buddy will be honored by the Ethics Institute of northeastern Pennsylvania, and I am proud to have been asked to participate in this event.

A businessman in the northeastern Pennsylvania community for over 50 years, Buddy graduated from Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Buddy was shot down four times during World War II. Following his tour of duty, Buddy returned home to begin a soft drink manufacturing and distributing company in 1945.

His business flourished, and he expanded to the ice cream franchise business covering 31 States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. In 1963, Buddy began Rothstein Inc., a realty company and Rothstein Construction, Inc., a development company, both of which he operates to this day.

Mr. Speaker, Buddy Rothstein's business accomplishments are well known in our area; his community involvement is also to be highly commended. He is extremely active in Rotary International, chairing several important committees and served as president of Wilkes-Barre Rotary from 1988-89.

Buddy also sits on the executive committee of B'nai B'rith Housing for the elderly. Buddy has also been president of the Wilkes-Barre Board of Realtors. He has served the local Jewish community by being involved with several organizations. Along with his service to the Jewish Community, Buddy has also been involved with the Economic Development Council of northeastern Pennsylvania. His love

for and dedication to improving the quality of life for the people of northeastern Pennsylvania are evident in everything he does, and we are, indeed, fortunate to have him as a member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the community and the Ethics Institute in honoring my good friend, Mr. Alvin "Buddy" Rothstein, and I am extremely proud to bring just a few of his many accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues.

IN RECOGNITION OF MABEL ZIRKLE AND JOHN IRVIN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 1997

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, there's a special event held every year in the Shenandoah Valley town of Edinburg where friends and neighbors get together to celebrate the good things about living in small town America. And every year the Edinburg Ole Time Festival dedicates its celebration to memorable people from their community.

I want to share with our colleagues an article from the Shenandoah Valley-Herald of September 17 which honors two of Edinburg's finest citizens: the late Mabel Zirkle and the late John Irvin. Mrs. Zirkle and Mr. Irvin both passed away earlier this year, but their legacies live on in the foundations they laid to make their native Edinburg a better place. It is a fitting tribute that the annual Edinburg Ole Time Festival honored their years of dedication to their hometown.

[From the Shenandoah Valley-Herald, Sept. 17, 1997]

FESTIVAL HONORS ZIRKLE, IRVIN FOR
DEDICATION TO TOWN
(By Lisa G. Currie)

For the past two years the Edinburg Ole Time Festival has dedicated the annual weekend celebration to memorable people from their community.

Last year, the late Louise Evans and the late Milt Hoffman received the honor.

Evans was a local artist who created the art show which remains part of the festival today. Dedicated to teaching and art for art's sake, Evans is remembered as the beloved and faithful art teacher who offered adult classes for years.

Hoffman was a Woodstock citizen with Edinburg roots. His Edinburg-based Christmas tree farm was one of the first in the county and his "Jackson Stew" was a favorite during Edinburg Ole Time Festival events. Hoffman is remembered as the flavor and character of the annual festival.

This year, the committee has selected two long-time and well-loved community members for dedication—the late Mabel Zirkle and the late John Irvin.

Zirkle, selected to be the 1995 grand marshal at age 100, lived in her family home next door to the former Edinburg Middle School.

She watched, listened and participated as a century of events changed Edinburg from a one-horse town to a thriving community adjacent to a major interstate highway.

She was the symbol of small town Edinburg—a familiar face among the people. She taught school at Pine Woods School, a one-room schoolhouse in town at the turn of the century. She was active in her church and concerned about the welfare of her community.

Her daughter Rosemary McDonald said her mother would be very pleased at the honor bestowed in her memory.

She remembers her mother as being very concerned about her Edinburg homeplace, dedicated to making it a better place.

"She would love this," said her daughter of the dedication.

McDonald said while her mother would be honored, Zirkle balked at being in the center of attention and was hesitant to step forward—even when she deserved the credit.

Zirkle was born Mabel Stoneburner, the middle child of Rosa Grandstaff and Robert Edward Lee Stoneburner. At one time she was the oldest living native in Edinburg, a town she grew up in and lived as a young adult.

It was the same town she grew old in, enjoying the views from her window as the town continued to change.

She lived to be 101 years old, dying May 26, 1997.

Sharing the honor with Zirkle is John Irvin.

Irvin was a man who helped prepare Edinburg for the next century while paying attention to the past.

President and owner of Irvin Inc., Irvin will long be remembered in Edinburg for his loyalty and perseverance concerning the town.

He was a man with a smile, known to most everyone in the community. He is remembered as one willing to fight for what he wanted.

Irvin was well-versed on local history, enjoying the debate of historical and controversial issues for debate sake. He kept abreast of community issues, always maintaining a smile and working for an outcome which best suited the community.

He helped establish and support the former Edinburg Library. He was instrumental in establishing the Madison District Recreation Authority and the Edinburg park and swimming pool which are in place today.

He played an active role in the development of the town museum and served on both the planning commission and the town council.

An Edinburg native, Irvin is the second son of Mary Grove and the late George Robert Irvin. He grew up in Edinburg, leaving only long enough to obtain an education and serve in the United States Navy. He returned to teach school and work in the family business, where he was later made president.

When he died in April, his funeral drew a crowd unprecedented for the Edinburg community.

"I know he would be proud," said his mother Mary Grove Irvin. She was the 1996 Grand Marshal, riding in the parade in a horse drawn carriage.

She said her son loved the festival, always taking time to visit the stands and watch the parade.

"He would have been very honored," she said.

TRIBUTE TO SIR JOHN KERR

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 1997

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Sir John Kerr, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States, who will be departing soon to assume the post as the new Permanent Under Secretary of State and head of the diplomatic service—the top official at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.